[Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar.]

(viii) whether now (30-2-1107) posted in any permanent vacancy in the provincial grade; and

(ix) total service in the acting appointment, if any, in the provincial grade?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the graduates coming under the category as seen in the aswer to part (1) could be provided, without delay, in permanent vacancies in the provincial grade, in consideration of the order of seniority and their total service in posts even lower than those of undergraduates?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (i) J. M. Satyanesan.

(ii) Matric.

(iii) 17 years, 9 months and 26 days.

(iv) Rs. 20.

(v) Rs. 22 in the scale of Rs. 20-1/2-25

(vi) He has been drawing Rs. 22 from the 1st Vrischikam 1098. He got the present grade only on the 1st Chingam 1104.

(vii) 6th Karkatakam 1105.

(viii) The answer is in the negative.

(ix) 5 months and 23 days.

(2) Postings to permanent vacancies in the provincial grade will be made in the order of seniority as soon as practicable.

Motor bus drivers' strike, 1106.

115. **MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): (1) Are the Government aware that the drivers of motor buses in the State have been on strike from the 16th Mithunam 1106?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the circumstances that led up to the strike;

(*b*) whether the drivers submitted any petitions either to the Government or to the Commissioner of Police regarding their grievances, prior to the strike;

(*c*) if so, the action taken in the matter;

(*d*) whether the present Commissioner of Police suspended or cancelled any driver's license or badge or conductor's pass or any permit of buses; and

(*e*) if so, under what Section of the Motor Vehicles Regulation the Commissioner of Police is empowered to do so?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Some drivers of motor buses went on strike from the 16th to the 18th Mithunam 1106.

(2) (*a*) The grievances of the strikers appeared to be as follow:—

(i) The alleged unfair system of double punishment, in that employees convicted in court for motor offences invariably have their badges or conductors' pass books suspended or cancelled.

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(ii) That undue weight is attached to the offence of overloading.

(iii) That a single conviction for failure to wear a badge, carry a current driving license or pass book or for having no rear light lit entails suspension of badge or pass book. No definite reasons were actually given.

(*b*) The drivers submitted a memorial to the Government.

(*c*) The Commissioner of Police to whom the memorial was forwarded for report was of the opinion that the grievances of the strikers were not reasonable, and that the precautionary rules promulgated by him were absolutely necessary in the interests of the travelling public. The memorial was therefore recorded.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) (i) Suspension or cancellation of drivers' licenses, badges and conductors' pass books. } Rule 23 (2) of the Travancore Motor Vehicles Rules.

(ii) Cancellation of "G" permit. } Condition No. 5 of "Conditions of continuance of service" of "G" permit.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vildvankod*): പാർട്ട (൨) (സി), മെമ്മോറിയൽ റിക്കാർഡുചെയ്തായി പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. കക്ഷികൾക്കു എൻഡാർസ്മെൻറു വല്ലതും കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): എൻഡാർസ്മെൻറുകൊടുത്തതായിട്ടു കാണുന്നില്ല.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): മെമ്മോറിയലിനു ഒരു എൻഡാർസുമെൻറു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാവശ്യമാണെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അതെല്ലാം അവസാനിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞല്ലോ.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): മോട്ടാർവെഹിക്കിൾ റൂൾസ് അനുസരിച്ചു പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണർക്കു ഡ്രൈവർമാരുടെ ലൈസൻസ്, ബാഡ്ജസ്, കണ്ടക്ടേർസു പാസ്സ്ബുക്കു ഇവ റദ്ദുചെയ്യാനുള്ള അധികാരമുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Travancore Motor Vehicles Rules, Rule 23 (2) അനുസരിച്ചു അധികാരമുണ്ട്.

Conduct of registered chitties in the State in 1106.

116. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of registered *chitties* in the State running in 1106;

(*b*) their aggregate capital;

(*c*) the total number of subscribers thereto;

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